No More Dolphins! - No More Parkland!
35 Reasons to Boycott the Vancouver Aquarium

Public opinion is against captivity, but the Vancouver Aquarium insists on perpetuating the international marine mammal slave trade. They even deal with pro-whaling countries such as Japan. The Vancouver Aquarium continues to promote the imprisonment of intelligent, sentient creatures such as orcas by promoting Sea World. They themselves keep belugas and other dolphin species. Wildlife suffers physically and psychologically because their social and behaviour needs cannot be provided for in captivity. They can develop painful ulcers from the stress and die prematurely. They can be subjected to experiments. Some have been sold or traded to zoos and aquariums worldwide. In 50 years, the Vancouver Aquarium didn’t have any successful breeding program. Three orca babies, three beluga babies and two Pacific white-sided dolphin babies have died. As of June 2009 at least 9 orcas, 7 narwhals, 7 Belugas, and 12 Pacific white-sided dolphins have died.

Note: There may also have been some porpoises who died. Presently one named “Daisy” is inhumanely kept in a tiny pool awaiting her fate.

The following is a list of known cetacean deaths at the Vancouver Aquarium:

1. Orca "Moby Doll", who was actually a male, was harpooned in 1964, survived only 86 days.
2. Orca "Natsidalia" was captured in 1968, died seven months later (heart failure).
3. Orca "Lugosi" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (general mycotic infection).
4. Orca "Skana" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (general mycotic infection).
6. Orca "Finna" dies in October 1997 at only 21 years old (starvation).
7. Orca "Bjossa" was moved to Sea World in 1991 died in 97 days (massive bacterial infection).
8. Baby beluga "Tuvaq" died in 1977 at four months (malnutrition and bacterial infection).
11. Companions "Diana" and two others died.
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17. Beluga "Skana" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (general mycotic infection).
18. Baby beluga "Tuvaq" died in 1977 at four months (malnutrition and bacterial infection).
19. Orca "Bjossa" was moved to Sea World in 1991 died in 97 days (massive bacterial infection).
20. Beluga "Lugosi" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (severe tissue trauma and leak in lung).
23. Baby beluga "Tuvaq" died in 1977 at four months (malnutrition and bacterial infection).
24. Orca "Bjossa" was moved to Sea World in 1991 died in 97 days (massive bacterial infection).
25. "Hyak II" was captured in 1968 and died in 1991 (died 12 days after fight with other orca).
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31. "Whitewings" was capture in 1971 and died in 2002 (respiratory failure from staff repeatedly putting their arm down her throat to remove pool debris in her stomach). 32. Orca "Skana" was captured in 1967 and died in 1980 (general mycotic infection).
33. Pacific white-sided dolphin "Hana" has a stillbirth in June 2006 (was 5 month pregnant when moved from Japan).
34. Baby beluga "Tuvaq" died in 1977 at four months (malnutrition and bacterial infection).

There are Many Reasons to Boycott Aquariums

Support ecology and animal rights organizations that have educated the public about the cruelty of captivity and the natural lives of wildlife living freely.

We must spend scarce time and funds on protecting natural environments - sanctuaries for all life.

Email : Vancouver Parks Board (pbcomment@vancouver.ca), the Vancouver Mayor and Council (mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca) and your Federal and Provincial Politicians.

More Parkland Means More Captives with Your Tax Money!

Tell them to oppose the Vancouver Aquarium $120 million expansion in order to stop the imprisonment of more wildlife and the destruction of Stanley Park green space.